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Jin Negishi

Son of the owner of Negishi-en, the tea farm situated next to Hananoki-en. He's Chako's childhood friend and too friendly with women.

Yabuki Hananoki

This is Chako's brother. The tea farm needs all the money it can get, so he writes novels on the side.

Synopsis

At 28 years old, Chako Hananoki gave up everything to escape from her stalker ex-fiance. She returns to her parents' tea farm for the first time in four years, and, much to her surprise, it wasn't her brother, Yabuki, she found making tea as usual… but a strange man named Isshin. Chako starts living with Isshin and Yabuki's daughter, Futaba. In a strange turn of events, when her stalker ex shows up to bring her back, Chako declares herself married to Isshin. Chako and Isshin are now a pretend couple with benefits… At first, they had a lot of fights but is Chako catching feelings for Isshin?

Characters

Isshin Kazashi

A live-in tea maker at Hananoki-en. He's quiet, unfriendly, and a bit acerbic, but he's really passionate about tea.

Chako Hananoki

After running away from her ex-fiancé, she returned to her parents' tea farm. She's strong-willed and has a rivalry with Isshin.

Futaba Hananoki

Daughter of Chako's brother, Yabuki. She's lost her mother. She isn't shy around new people, and took to Chako.

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5th Cup The Agony of a Tea Farmer's Daughter

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SHINY
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SHINY
ヒロイ

...

HEEEY! PEOPLE WHO BUY BATH POWDERS ARE MOSTLY WOMEN, YOU KNOW?! IT SHOULD BE SHOWIER!

自由に食べて
ください。

PLEASE HELP YOURSELF.

FIRST OF ALL, THE EXPENSE...

I CAN PAY FOR THIS, SO LET ME DO WHAT I WANNA DO.

THE SIMPLER THE DESIGN THE BETTER, RIGHT?

APPARENTLY, WE'RE SELLING BATH POWDER MADE WITH OUR TEA LEAVES AT THE TEA FESTIVAL THIS WEEKEND...

...AND I WAS THINKING OF CHANGING THE PACKAGE DESIGN A LITTLE BIT.

...WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

That.

OH.

ALSO, I'LL HANDLE COOKING AND CLEANING, SO YOU SHOULD SLEEP WHEN YOU CAN, ISSHIN-SAN.

YOU CAN HAVE THAT IF YOU'D LIKE.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT. IT'S MY JOB.

I DON'T WANT TO RELY ON YOU.

...WHAT IS THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN?

NAPS ARE IMPORTANT FOR A TEA MAKER...

...I'VE GOT MY BROTHER'S APPROVAL...

...SO YOU COULD TRUST ME A LITTLE MORE.

WE'RE A TEAM, YOU KNOW.

FOR

YOU

BECAUSE I ALSO WANNA SAVE HANANOKI-EN.

OF COURSE, I START WORKING HARD.

Happy Birthday

THUD

A team...?

THUD

BE-CAUSE I CAN TELL...

...BUT THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS.

I CAN'T ACCEPT HIS ANNOYING ATTITUDE...

I DON'T WANT TO RELY ON YOU.

...THAN I THOUGHT.

1等4席
1ST CLASS 4TH PLACE
1等3席
1ST CLASS 3RD PLACE
3等38席
3RD CLASS 38TH PLACE

...HE'S MUCH MORE PASSIONATE ABOUT TEA...

AFTER SEEING THAT...

...WANT TO DO...

...I...

...WHAT I CAN DO TO HELP.

THUD

SAYAMA TEA FESTIVAL

狭山茶フェスタ

IWAMOTO-EN

岩本園

松下園

MATSUSHITA-EN

KIMOTO-EN

木本園

WHOOSH

狭

THUD

茶摘み体験

THUD

IT'S JAPANESE COSPLAY!

APPARENTLY, THEY'RE STAFF FOR THE TEA PICKING EVENT.

THUD

WHAT'S THAT?

IT'S AMAZING!

FLAG: TEA PICKING

OF COURSE, TODAY IS THE ONLY GREAT ANNUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO ADVERTISE.

EVERYONE IS DESPER-ATE.

WELL... THEY LOOK MENACING...?

徳井園
TOKUI-EN

THERE'S NO TIME TO BE SHY TODAY.

TRY OUR TEA.

THEY BRING EVERYTHING THEY HAVE TO OFFER SO THAT PEOPLE REMEMBER THEIR BRAND NAME.

山田園
YAMADA-EN

COME ON. YOU SHOULD GET SOME CUSTOMERS AND GO BACK TO YOUR BOOTH LIKE YOUR HUSBAND.

A bunny♪ ...?

Matcha Café

ISSHIN-SAN.

OH...

WHAT?

I SEE...

CLICK

WHAAAT ??

HE'S WEARING A WHITE COAT...

HE TOLD ME THAT HE'D BE AT THE DEMON-STRATION BOOTH FOR TEMOMI-CHA TODAY.

I DIDN'T KNOW THAT HE HAD A SKILL LIKE THAT...!!

BLAH

BLAH

...

HE'S SPEAKING A LANGUAGE I DON'T UNDERSTAND...

THE FIRST HAND-PICKED TEA OF THE YEAR IS CALLED ONE BUD AND TWO LEAVES.

WE ONLY PICK THE TOP TWO SOFT LEAVES.

WELL...

IT'S OKAY. TODAY I'LL JUST DO WHAT I CAN DO.

I CAN AT LEAST TALK TO CUSTOM-ERS...

BY THE WAY...

ALSO, THEY ARE WIDELY USED IN OTHER THINGS LIKE JAPANESE SWEETS OR COSMETIC PRODUCTS.

WE USE THIS MOST NUTRITIOUS AND DELICIOUS PART FOR OUR TEA.

YOU CAN TRY IT AT THE FOOT BATH. YOU CAN VISIT THERE AFTER THIS.

足浴体験

FOOT BATH

...WE HAVE BATH POWDER MADE WITH OUR TEA LEAVES...

YOUR FAIR SKIN WILL BE EVEN SMOOTHER.

*YABUKI.

B-BUT, HE'S ACTUALLY ATTRACTING CUSTOMERS ...!!

WHAT...WHAT IS THAT...?! WHO'S THAT PERSON...?!

?! ?! ?!

Heeey. Stop, hand-some!

CHAKO, LOOK! OH, MY GOSH!

OH NO... I SHOULD'VE STUDIED MORE...

花ノ木園
HANANOKI-EN

THERE'S A CAMERA WHERE ISSHIN IS.

Futaba

A super unsociable man.

CHILL

NOW, LET'S INTERVIEW THEM!

I'M PRETTY SURE HE DOESN'T LIKE BEING IN FRONT OF A CAMERA...

手もみ製茶実演

TEMOMI-CHA MAKING DEMONSTRATION

I WONDER IF ISSHIN-SAN CAN REALLY DO IT....

WHAT IS IT THAT YOU ARE DOING NOW?

I'M DOING SOMETHING CALLED HABURUI.

THIS IS THE PROCESS TO DRY THE STEAMED TEA LEAVES.

IT TAKES SEVEN TO EIGHT HOURS TO GO THROUGH ALL THE PROCESSES TO MAKE TEMOMI-CHA.

MOMIKIRI
DENGURI
KOKURI
DRY

YOU NEED STAMINA, MENTAL STRENGTH, AND SKILL. THIS IS A TEA WHICH CAN BE MADE ONLY BY ARTISANS.

WOW...

I DIDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT AT ALL...

HE'S HANDLING IT VERY WELL...

NOW I UNDERSTAND WHAT MADE HIM SAY THAT.

I DON'T WANT TO RELY ON YOU.

...HAVE PREPARED VERY WELL FOR THIS.

ISSHIN-SAN... AND MY BROTHER...

THEY'RE TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM ME.

I WAS TRYING TO GET BY WITHOUT PLANNING...

EVEN THOUGH I'M A DAUGHTER OF A TEA FARMER...

...I REALLY CAN'T DO ANYTHING...

WHAT?! YOU GOT MARRIED RECENTLY?!

What?

...OH...? IT KINDA LOOKS LIKE...

OF COURSE. IT'S THE POWER OF LOVE. LOVE POWER!

GRAB

WELL...

YOU CAN DEAL WITH HARD WORK LIKE THIS BECAUSE OF YOUR WIFE'S SUPPORT, HUH?!

THAT'S HIS WIFE.

LOOK.

WAIT...

SO! WHERE IS YOUR WIFE?

FWIP

FWIP

I DON'T WANT MY PICTURE TAKEN...!

HANANOKI-EN

DO IT FOR THE SAKE OF HANANOKI-EN.

THIS IS OUR OPPORTUNITY.

WHOOSH

I'll watch her.

THUD

YIIIN

ひょ fwip

YOU ARE HANANOKI-SAN?

YES! I AM!

WHAAAAT?!

HOW ...?!

H...

I HEARD YOU GOT MARRIED RECENTLY, BUT HOW DID YOU MEET EACH OTHER?

WELL... WHERE DID WE MEET...? ISSHIN-SAN...?

IT'S SO SUDDEN. I CAN'T COME UP WITH ANY-THING.

OH, MY GOSH...!! WHAT SHOULD I DO...?!

Deja vu.

OF COURSE...

RIGHT...!! I ALMOST FORGOT THAT HE CAN'T EVEN SMILE OUTSIDE OF WORK...!

ドキ SWEAT

ドキ SWEAT

FROZEN.

WHAT? THAT'S HORRIBLE, EVEN AS A JOKE...!!

ドーン BAM

...THIS IS A TEA TOWN.

RIGHT?

HE SHOUTED HIS LOVE TO HER IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TEA FIELD.

SIR, CAN YOU PLEASE TELL US THE STORY?

ANOTHER ONE'S ALSO ASKING?!

I-
IT...

UMM...
WELL...

HOW DID HE PROPOSE?

Oh!
IF I KILL THE MOOD, I CAN'T ADVERTISE OUR FARM...!!

This is so hard.

Whaaat?! That's boring!

I CAN'T REMEMBER.

I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING HELPFUL AT LEAST IN THIS KIND OF SITUATION... AHHH, I CAN'T COME UP WITH ANYTHING...!!

BY THE WAY, DON'T ASK HIM...! THERE'S NO WAY HE CAN GIVE YOU A DECENT ANSWER...!

HANANOKI-EN
花ノ木園

...OUR OWN TREASURE...

...IT'S... OUR...

...SO IT'S A SECRET.

WHAT?

WHAT?

BLUSH

HANANOKI-EN
花ノ木園

BURST

ARE THEY ALWAYS LOVEY-DOVEY AT HOME?!

UMM...

AAAAHHHHH, I DON'T UNDER-STAND...!

NO. WHY?!

I WISH THE GROUND WOULD SWALLOW ME...!

AWWW! YOU'RE SO LOVEY-DOVEY! I'M JEALOUS!

...SAYING "HI, DARLING"...

...EVERY DAY.

...THEY HUG EACH OTHER...

FUTABA
ふたば

Ha ha ha ha ha
あはははは

WHISTLE ヒュー

WHISTLE ヒュー

HANANOKI-EN

花ノ木園

THROB

OH, MY GOSH... THIS MAKES MY STOMACH HURT...

OH, NO... I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS.

CAN YOU TELL US THE SECRET OF STAYING LOVEY-DOVEY?!

NOW, I DON'T CARE HOW THIS GOES...!!

CLENCH

HANANOKI-EN

FUTABA-CHAN...!!

Oh, that one.

...WE TAKE A BATH... TOGETHER...

...EVEN... WHEN WE HAVE A HUGE FIGHT...

TV

ナガオ～

CHATTER

YOU CAN BUY THIS BATH POWDER WITH TEA LEAVES FROM HANANOKI-EN AT THE FOOT BATH AREA.

...THIS RELAXING TEA AROMA MAKES YOU FEEL BETTER.

IN THE BATHTUB...

HANANOKI-EN

...YOU ALL MEET SOMEONE SPECIAL.

I HOPE...

HANANOKI-EN

WOW

?

I HAVE TO DO MORE...?

RIGHT?

WE'D LIKE YOU TO SHARE YOUR LOVE POWER WITH US, BUT WE CAN'T ASK YOU TO SHOW YOUR BATHROOM.

TV

I DID IT...!! SOMEHOW, IT WORKED OUT...!!

COULD YOU PLEASE SHOW US THE PROOF THAT YOU LOVE EACH OTHER...?

ananoki-en Foot Bath

I'll show you.

HUH?

PLEASE KISS HIM IF YOU CAN.

WELL... WE CAN'T...

TV

HANANOKI-EN

花ノ木園

THROB

WHAT THE HECK...?

THROB

THIS IS GOING TOO FAR, ISN'T IT?

THROB

THERE ARE STILL A LOT OF PEOPLE WATCHING US.

THROB

I DON'T WANNA SPOIL THE ATMOSPHERE, THOUGH.

THUMP

WHY NOW?

...NO.

305

READ BETWEEN THE LINES.

...FOR SO LONG, RIGHT?

I NEED TO GET IT TOGETHER.

I'VE BEEN PRETENDING NOT TO NOTICE, NOT TO FEEL...

I CAN DO IT.

I CAN DO IT.

I'M STRONGER THAN I THINK.

smile

I'M STRONG.

WHAT?

HANANOKI-EN

花ノ木園

whoosh

WOW

なんか

BUT WHERE ISSHIN-SAN TOUCHES ME FEELS...

IT'S SO COLD.

...WARM.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR HANANOKI-EN!

Yes!

Did you get that?! That one!

AGHHHH

FWIP

TMP

TMP

TMP

THUD

ガチャ KER-CHAK

WHERE TO? A CLINIC? YOUR HOUSE?

THUD

N-NO.

PLEASE GO BACK.

UMM... I'LL BE FINE BY MYSELF...

HE'S ANGRY...

...TRUST ME.

YOU MIGHT HAVE THOUGHT WOMEN JUST GET IN THE WAY...

I KNOW IT'S NOT CONVINCING AFTER I WAS ABOUT TO PASS OUT...

WHO'S THE ONE WHO DOESN'T TRUST?

...IT'S AN IMPORTANT DEMONSTRATION...

...BUT...

HANANOKI-EN

花ノ木園

I DON'T CARE IF YOU'RE A MAN OR A WOMAN.

WHAT MATTERS IS YOU, RIGHT?

WHY...?!

WAIT.

?!

...BUT TODAY, WHY IS HE BEING...

WHY? HE ALWAYS SAYS WOMEN CAN'T DO THINGS...

...AND TREATS ME AS A NUISANCE...

...INCREDIBLY...

...KIND TO ME?

...THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK.

Matcha
Made in
Heaven

Matcha
Made in
Heaven

...Our Hananoki-en!

Please remember...

WOW...

THEN, I'LL POST THIS ON PIKPOK SO THAT IT GOES VIRAL...

BONK!

GREEN TEA ENCYCLOPEDIA

YOU LIKE THIS THAT MUCH?

YUP.

I'm gonna watch it again.

6th Cup Love at a Hot Springs Inn

SERIOUSLY... DON'T DO IT.

NO WAY! THANKS TO YOU, WE'VE RECEIVED SOME INTERVIEW REQUESTS ABOUT THE HUGE HIT, *MATCHMAKING BATH POWDER.*

YOU THINK IT'S A SHAME?!

PUSH PUSH

HEY, HEY. DON'T BE ASHAMED.

YOU DESERVE THIS.

THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE A COMPLIMENT AT ALL...

YOU'RE A MUSCLE BRAIN, BUT YOU DID VERY WELL. YOU'RE THE STAR OF HANANOKI-EN.

?!

Yunohana Ryokan*

Accommodation Ticket

*TRADITIONAL JAPANESE INN.

?

WHAT'S THIS...?

THEY GOT SUPER POPULAR BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU DID, SO THEY INVITED US AS A THANK YOU.

THEY HAVE A GREEN-TEA BATH USING OUR BATH POWDER.

WHAT?! THIS IS THE LOCAL LUXURY RYOKAN?! THIS IS FOR ME...?!

SHINE

WHAT?

That.

TOGETHER!!

WE TAKE A BATH...

I'M GLAD THAT WAS AT LEAST A LITTLE HELPFUL.

?

FLAP

YOU UNDERSTAND, CHAKO?

...UNDERSTAND WHAT?

SST

Accommodation Ticket

Yumowww Dojoan

FLAP

THUD

WHAT?

WHAT?

WAIT...

FWIP

WHOA!

I'M SORRY...!

OH?

LOOKS LIKE HE'S IN A VERY BAD MOOD...

WHAT...?

YOU TWO ARE GOING TOGETHER.

...DOES HE HAVE TO SHOW HIS EMOTIONS SO OBVIOUSLY...? YOU KNOW...?

OH... BECAUSE THE VIDEO IS GOING VIRAL ON SOCIAL MEDIA...?!

They're s BUT... dovey. Hahaha

I wanna experience the honeymoon period like this. Haha

HE WAS NICE AT THE EVENT, THOUGH...?

THIS IS WORK.

カチャ CLICK

SWEAT
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だく
SWEAT
だく

YOU SAW OUR LAME ACTING, RIGHT?! WE CAN'T DO THAT ANYMORE!

YOU WANNA LOSE OUR IMPORTANT CUSTOMER BECAUSE OF YOUR EGO?

NO, NO, NO.

THEY SAY THEY WOULD LIKE YOU TO COME AS A COUPLE. THEY WANT TO ADD VALUE TO THEIR RYOKAN. DON'T YOU GET IT?

...N-NO, NO, NO. WHAT DO YOU MEAN? IT'S WORK?

...

B...

BUT...

SAY SOMETHING, ISSHIN-SAN...

DON'T TELL ME THAT YOU CAN'T. JUST DO IT.

YOU LOOK UNHAPPY, THOUGH. WHY...?!

WHAT...?! ARE YOU GOING...?

I'll take care of Futaba.

GLINT キラ

WE HAVE TO DO IT IF IT'S WORK.

WELL...

THIS SHOULD BE OKAY...

GASP

はっ

THEY HAVE SOME PUBLIC BATHS... NO PRIVATE BATHS...

THEY DON'T HAVE ANY GUEST ROOMS WITH AN OUTDOOR BATHTUB...

LOOKS LIKE A TYPICAL PATHETIC SOON-TO-BE-30 WOMAN.

He...

HE'S DOING THIS ONLY AS WORK.

We have to do it if it's work. Shut up.

*He didn't say it this harshly.

IT'S JUST A TRIP, LIKE A SLEEPOVER WITH SPORT CLUB MEMBERS BACK IN SCHOOL.

FLAP

WAIT... WHAT AM I THINKING ABOUT?!

WE'RE JUST STAYING THERE. THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY PROBLEMS, RIGHT?!

Stretching.

A WOMAN WHO CAN ONLY SEE THINGS WITH A SHALLOW PERSPECTIVE.

Make Isshin fall for you.

Mission

HEY, JUST ACCOMPLISH YOUR BROTHER'S MISSION.

YOU DON'T SEEM TO BE INTERESTED IN MEN, BUT DON'T YOU OWN SEXY UNDERWEAR?

FWIP

PEEK

YOU ACT INNOCENT AND BLAME MEN WHEN YOU GET HURT, RIGHT?

WHO'S THIS?! IS THIS ME?!

I'M NOT THINKING ABOUT THAT KIND OF STUFF!

That's unique.

Maybe that beard guy actually likes beige.

WAIT... WHO ARE THESE WOMEN?!

BY THE WAY, WHERE ARE MY ANGELS?!

I'M...AS EXCITED AS A TEENAGER... OH, MY...GOSH...

...HEY...

...THIS IS... OBVIOUSLY...

I KNOW HE WOULDN'T CARE, BUT I KEEP THINKING ABOUT IT...!

OH, NO. I KNOW IT'S JUST FOR WORK, BUT I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT STUFF...!!

I DON'T WANT HIM TO SEE MY FACE WITHOUT MAKEUP, BUT I ALSO DON'T WANNA WEAR MAKEUP AT NIGHT. DID I THROW AWAY MY NATURAL MINERAL COSMETICS?!

UGH.

BLUSH ほ"

BLUSH " ほ

BLUSH ほ"

AGAIN.

HE WAS NICE THAT DAY, THOUGH...

...WHY WAS HE IN A BAD MOOD ALL OF A SUDDEN...?

HAAH はぁ...

...OH, MY GOSH...

...I WAS TOTALLY FED UP WITH MEN...

...AND I WANTED TO STAY SINGLE...

UNTIL RECENTLY...

WELCOME, HANANOKI-SAMA.

I'M ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT ISSHIN-SAN...

湯の華

YUNOHANA

HI. NICE TO MEET YOU.

?

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING. I'M FUTABA.

SHINE キラ!!

くすくす GIGGLE

くすくす GIGGLE

CHAKO, LOOK!

I FEEL A LITTLE RELIEVED...

I'M GLAD FUTABA-CHAN CAME WITH US...

HAAH はぁ

Futaba hiding in the car.

THE BED IS SO BIG!

WE HAVEN'T POSTED ABOUT IT ON OUR WEBSITE, BUT WE HAVE A NEW BED. WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO TRY IT...

THERE'S ONLY ONE BED?!

AMAZING...! THREE OF US IN THE SAME BED...!

...BUT WE SLEEP SEPARATELY AT HOME...!

Isshin's room.

chako's temporary room.

W-W-W-WAIT...!!

WE'RE PRETENDING TO BE A MARRIED COUPLE IN FRONT OF FUTABA-CHAN...

ALSO... WE JUST ADDED A NEW PRIVATE BATH...

I can sleep on cushions ...

OH... ONE OF US CAN MOVE TO THE JAPANESE STYLE ROOM AFTER FUTABA-CHAN FALLS ASLEEP...

FSSHHH

OF COURSE, WE USE THE BATH POWDER FROM HANANOKI-EN-SAMA.

ENJOY IT BEFORE DINNER IF YOU'D LIKE.

WE CAN SEE OUTSIDE...!

WOOOW!!

I HOPE YOU HAVE A RELAXING TIME HERE.

WOW.
WOW.

HANANOKI-SAMA.

I'LL LEAVE WHEN I CAN...

I'll make up a good excuse for Futaba-chan.

WHISPER

WHISPER

...OKAY.

ISSHIN-SAN.

...SO PLEASE REST ASSURED.

SHUT ガン...

WE'LL KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR DOOR FROM OUTSIDE INSTEAD...

WE ARE VERY SORRY, BUT THE DOOR LOCK ISN'T WORKING WELL...

SST

T... TOWELS.

SURE. WHAT DID YOU FORGET?

WE FORGOT SOME STUFF. WE'LL GO GET IT...

PRIVATE BATHROOM.

貸切風呂

KER-CHAK カチャ...

SHUT ガン...

SST

STARE

NOW I HAVE TO DEAL WITH IT...

TAKING A BATH IS NOT A BIG DEAL. (SHE'S DESPERATE.)

WHAT'S UP?

*You must not put towels in the bathtub.

SSSHH!

Isshin-san can hear you!!

THE ONES AT FESTIVALS!

FUTABA-CHAN!

YOUR BOOBS LOOK LIKE WATER BALLOONS.

SMELLS LIKE OUR HOUSE?

YUP. IT SMELLS LIKE OUR HOUSE!

HEY, BY THE WAY, THIS GREEN WATER IS SO PRETTY. CAN YOU SMELL IT?

THE WATER FEELS NICE, TOO... I WONDER IF WE CAN MAKE ONE IN MILK COLOR.

SHE'S RIGHT... THIS IS A RELAXING AROMA.

flinch

RATTLE

NO! HEY, CHAKO. LOOK!

STAY THERE. YOU'LL GET COLD.

WHAT?

ちゃぷ... PLOP

ザバッ SPLASH

SPLASH

ISSHIN, FINALLY YOU'RE HERE!

OH. IT'S NOT THAT HOT.

Ack- chooww!

GASP

NO. I HAVE TO STAY CALM...

I'M NOT READY... I MEAN, HE'S SO CLOSE...!!

うぉっ WHOA!

HOW CAN A NORMAL PERSON HAVE THAT MUCH MUSCLE...?!

AND HE HAS SOME SCARS...

WHAT'S WITH THAT DELTOID...?! WHY IS IT SO BIG...?!

THAT REMINDS ME HOW HE BEAT HIM SO EASILY THEN...

BEFORE HE BECAME A TEA MAKER, WAS HE IN A GANG OR SOMETHING...?

HE USED TO BE A BADASS...?

IT'S POSSIBLE...

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GULP

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SPLASH

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GOOD, FUTABA.

HIT HER AGAIN.

?
I GOT CHAKO.

ugh

BECAUSE YOU KEEP PEEKING.

YAAY! CHAKO, YOU'RE AWESOME!

SPLASH

SPLASH

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すよ

SHE WORE HERSELF OUT IN THE BATH.

FUTABA-CHAN'S SOUND ASLEEP...

...

...I FEEL A LITTLE NERVOUS WHEN IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US...

FIDGET

EXCUSE ME.

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SURE. WE'LL HAVE SOME.

IF YOU'D LIKE, WE SERVE TEA AND SAKE MADE WITH SAYAMA TEA AS A DIGESTIF.

IT HAS A LOT OF FUZZ.

SMELLS SO GOOD...

WHAT A NICE COLOR. I WONDER IF THIS IS DEEP STEAMED...

STARE

WHFF

はぁ

WHFF

はぁ

IT'S SO GOOD...!

THIS IS FROM NEGISHI-EN-SAMA.

WHICH... WHICH TEA DO YOU USE?

WOW. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

OH, NO.

IT'S AWKWARD TO TALK ABOUT JIN SINCE THEN, AND I JUST COMPLIMENTED HIM...

NOW I'VE GONE AND PUT MY FOOT IN IT.

JIN

NEGISHI-EN.

I SEE...

BUT THE TEA LEAVES ARE FROM HANANOKI-EN-SAMA EVEN THOUGH NEGISHI-EN-SAMA PROCESSES THEM, RIGHT?

...ISSHIN-SAN MADE THIS TEA...

WHAT?

THAT MEANS...

silence

Excuse me.

I'M HAPPY, THOUGH.

I DIDN'T KNOW ANY-THING...

I'M SORRY... I EMBARRASSED YOU...

DO YOU WANT SOME, TOO?

...NO, THANK YOU. I DON'T REALLY LIKE SAKE...

IT MAKES ME HAPPIEST WHEN PEOPLE SAY ITS GOOD.

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WOBBLE

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YOU DRANK LIKE A FISH THE OTHER DAY.

ふら

WOBBLE

WELL... IT WAS BECAUSE OF THAT SITUATION...

silence

しーん

...IT'S QUIET AGAIN...

コロン

ROLL

コロン

ROLL

ROLL

ピン!!

PING

???

A tumble doll?

...THIS IS LIKE YOU.

ALSO, IN THE BATH...

...AT FIRST, YOU WERE ANNOYING 'CAUSE YOU CAME BACK TAKING THINGS TOO EASY...

DROWSY

...AND WHEN YOU HAD THE TEA...

...BUT YOU'RE WALKING AROUND THE HOUSE WITH A HUGE TEA ENCYCLOPEDIA THESE DAYS...

...I COULD TELL YOU'RE TRYING REALLY HARD TO LEARN ABOUT TEA...

I...IS HE... COMPLIMENTING ME...?

OR DID I...MISHEAR SOMETHING...?

HE'S JUST DRUNK... AND TALKING NONSENSE...?

WHAT...?

WHAT IS IT ALL OF A SUDDEN...?

DROWSY ~ Y ...

...HE WAS NOTICING THAT PART OF ME...?

LIKE HE SAID...

...NOTHING WAS GOING WELL, AND I WAS DESPERATE...

...AND I DIDN'T WANNA THINK ABOUT ANYTHING...

...ANYTHING AT ALL.

BUT...

I ALSO FOUND MYSELF MOVING FORWARD.

IF THAT'S THE CASE...

...THAT'S BECAUSE...

...I MET...

...ISSHIN-SAN.

I KINDA LIKE...HOW YOU ARE NOW.

MUMBLE

OH, WATCH OUT...!

HEY...!

WAIT A SECOND ...!

...SAY...?

WHAT... DID YOU JUST...

SLIDE

I WANNA ASK YOU ONE THING...!

WHY HAVE YOU BEEN COLD TO ME RECENTLY...?

BLINK

...'CAUSE I DON'T KNOW...

...HOW TO TALK TO YOU, YOU KNOW?

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SLUGGISH
のよ…

...AT THAT TIME, I COULD'VE DIED OF EMBARRASS-MENT...

zzz

HAAH...

HE JUST STARTED TO TALK, AND NOW THIS...

WHEN HE DID THAT...?

WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT...?

SERIOUSLY?!

マジでしょ?!

IS HE A MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT ?!

WAIT, WHAT...?!

...THAT HE COMPLIMENTED ME...

ALSO, IT'S SO ISSHIN-SAN...

...ON MY ATTITUDE TOWARDS TEA...

clip

...FULL OF TEA...

HIS HEAD IS...

I'M FALLING FOR A DIFFICULT MAN...

HAAH...

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...I GUESS...

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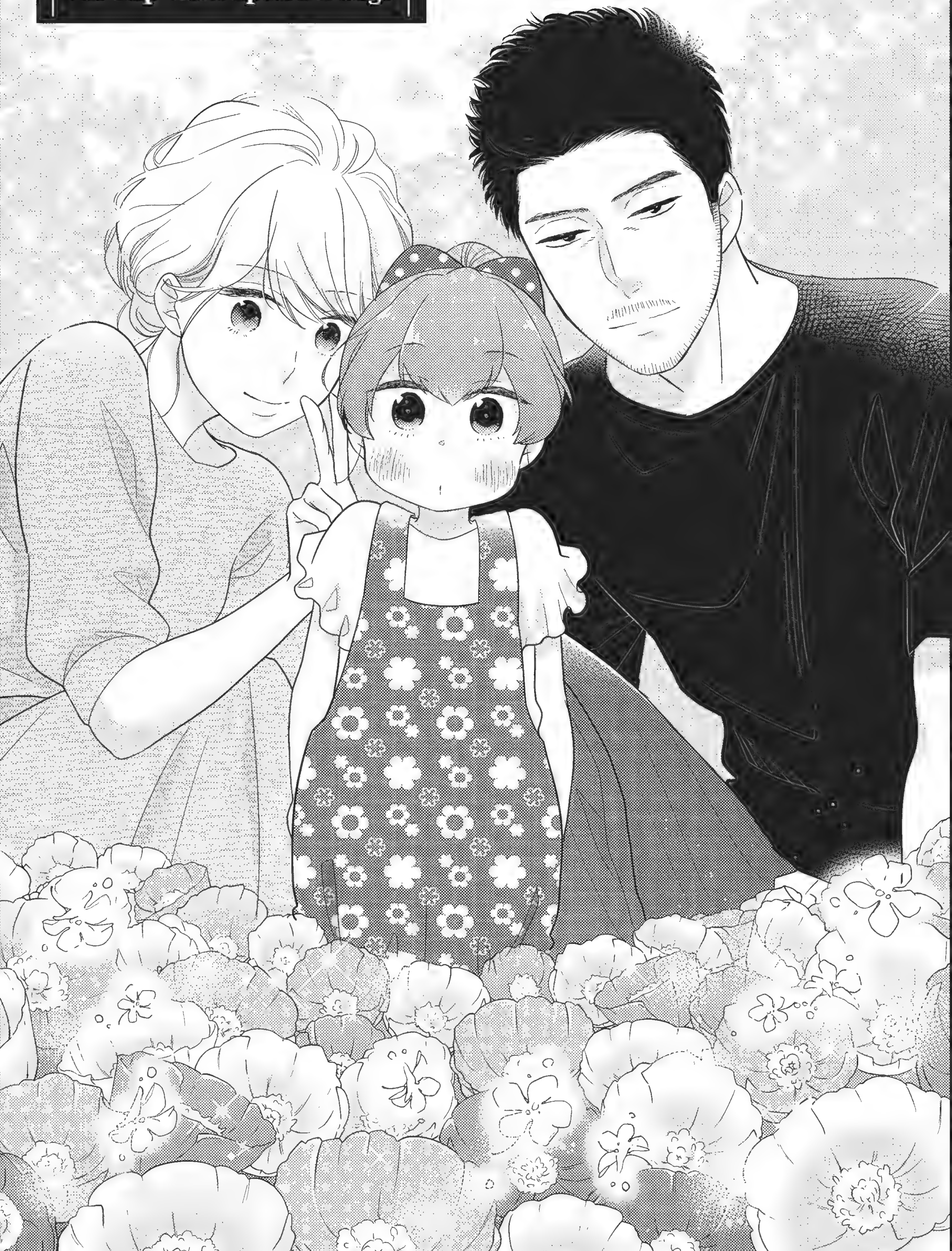
7th Cup Wish upon a Dango



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…

WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING...?!

YESTER-DAY, I...

OH.

WHAT ...?!

That.

NOW I REMEM-BER...!

BUT WHY AM I SLEEPING IN HIS ARMS...?!

I PUT THAT ON HIS HEAD...!

?!

...WHAT?

UUMMMM. WELL, THIS IS...

CLICK

BOOOOOM

FUTABA-CHAN... WHAT ARE YOU...?

I'LL SHOW THIS TO DAD.

CLICK CLICK CLICK CLICK CLICK

CLICK CLICK CLICK CLICK

HEY, WAIT. DON'T SEND IT... HEY... YOU'RE SO CLOSE...!

...WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THE BUTTERFLY?

WHAT ...?!

I'LL SHOW HIM ISSHIN WITH THE BUTTERFLY.

YOUR DAD DOESN'T WANNA SEE THAT!

THAT...

THAT IS...

I-I-I-ISSHIN-SAN, YOU WERE DRUNK AND PUT IT ON YOURSELF...!

...WHAT'S THIS?

YOU REMEMBER SOMETHING, RIGHT...?

?

AT ALL...? YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT...?

NO? ABOUT WHAT?

I don't remember it at all.

REALLY?

...AND I HAD A LITTLE BIT OF IT...

THEY SERVED US SOME SAKE...

...

YOU'RE LYING!

W-W-W...

WHAT'S THE LAST THING...YOU REMEMBER...?!

HEY, DID YOU DO SOMETHING?

I'M NOT LYING.

...IS YOU!!

THE ONE WHO DID SOMETHING...

ANYWAY, YOU SHOULDN'T DRINK IF YOU GET DRUNK THAT EASILY!

YOU ACT LIKE YOU DON'T NEED A WOMAN, BUT YOU GET FLIRTY WHEN YOU'RE DRUNK...?!

I KINDA LIKE YOU.

YOU WERE LEADING ME ON.

AND YOU WENT TO SLEEP ON MY LAP!!

I CAN'T! UGGHHH!!

I CAN'T FORGET WHAT HAPPENED...

THEN, YOU'RE LIKE NOTHING'S EVER HAP-PENED...!!

Thank you so much!

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL ORIGAMI CRANE!

THERE IS A SHRINE FAMOUS AS A PLACE OF GREAT SPIRITUAL POWER NEARBY.

TAKE ONE AS A SOUVENIR.

THEY SAY IF YOU MAKE A WISH WHEN FLOATING AN ORIGAMI CRANE IN THE POND AT THE SHRINE...

IF YOU HAVE TIME, YOU SHOULD STOP BY.

...YOUR DREAM WILL COME TRUE.

MARRIAGE

WARDING OFF EVIL

ISSHIN BOUGHT US DANGO*!

SO YOU CAN PRAY FOR A GOOD RELATIONSHIP HERE...

CHAKO!

*JAPANESE DUMPLING MADE FROM RICE FLOUR.

THE WHITE ONE IS YOU, CHAKO.

THE PINK ONE IS ME.

THE GREEN ONE IS ISSHIN. IT'S GREEN TEA COLOR!

WOW! SO CUTE...!

MATCHMAKING DANGO

縁結びだんご

※末永いご縁を結ぶおだんごです 大切な方とお召し上がりください

OUR DANGO BRINGS YOU A LONG-LASTING RELATIONSHIP.
EAT THIS WITH SOMEONE SPECIAL.

I SEE...

THEY SAID IF WE EAT THIS TOGETHER, WE CAN STAY TOGETHER FOREVER!

Ahh

TMP ちゃっ

MUNCH もぐ もぐ MUNCH

...

NEXT! CHAKO'S TURN!

OH! THEN, I'LL EAT IT MYSELF...

OPEN YOUR MOUTH.

I DON'T MIND.

It's too late.

HERE.

WHAAAAAAT?!

WHAT...?!

WHAAT...?!

...BUT THIS IS SO SUDDEN...!!

I MEAN, WE DECIDED TO GET ALONG WELL IN FRONT OF FUTABA-CHAN...

SERIOUSLY ...?!

GLANCE

NO...
BUT...!!

...I WANNA GET A LITTLE BIT OF THAT...

Our dango brings you a long-lasting relationship. Eat this with someone special.

IF THIS HAS THE SPIRITUAL POWER...

YOU'RE LOVEY-DOVEY. IT'S SO CUTE.

AWW. THAT'S NICE. ARE YOU NEWLY MARRIED?

MMPH

AHH

GOD...!!

CHAKO, ARE YOU DYING?!

NO. I'M OKAY. I'M OKAY.

I swallowed the dango, though.

COUGH COUGH COUGH

GIGGLE GIGGLE GIGGLE

CLINGY

...WE CAN STAY TOGETHER FOREVER NOW.

THAT'S RIGHT.

I'M THINKING ABOUT LETTING GO OF THE LAND.

...BUT IF WE CAN'T TURN AROUND OUR BUSINESS...

...ISSHIN-SAN WILL LEAVE US.

HE'S DOING THIS FOR FUTABA-CHAN...

Is it good?

...WHO KEEPS TRYING UNTIL HE GETS THE RESULT.

ISSHIN-SAN IS THE KIND OF GUY...

I WONDER IF...

...HE'LL STAY LONGER IF OUR BUSINESS DOESN'T GO WELL.

CHAKO! COME ON!

I STARTED TO LIKE HIM BECAUSE HE'S DEVOTED AND PASSIONATE ABOUT TEA.

WHAT AM I THINKING?

I'M HORRIBLE ...

CHAKO, LOOK!

GASP

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YOU HAVE TO MAKE A WISH QUICKLY!

Y-YOU'RE RIGHT...!

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THIS ORIGAMI CRANE...

...IS MELTING INTO THE WATER!

OH, MY GOSH...

...BUT I'VE ACTUALLY STARTED TO LIKE HIM...

NO... I'M FED UP WITH MEN...

WHAT SHOULD I DO...? WHAT SHOULD I DO...? ABOUT ISSHIN-SAN AND ME...?

HMMMMM

HMMMMM

HMMMMM

I WILL HOLD THIS FEELING INSIDE OF ME.

I DON'T WANNA...

...WHO'S WISHING SOMETHING SERIOUSLY.

...BOTHER THIS PERSON...

BUT AT LEAST...

...I HOPE TO BE HIS CLOSEST SUPPORTER.

JUMP

BUT THE REALITY DOESN'T CHANGE THAT EASILY.

THUMP

THUD

THUD

THUD

THUD

THUD

THUD

THUD

HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

IT'S BECAUSE YOU LEFT ME EVEN THOUGH I TOLD YOU THAT I'D HELP YOU.

Phew.

I COULD GET PULLED OVER!

YOU CAN BE IN THE PICKUP BED TO KEEP AN EYE ON STUFF THERE.

Stopping at a red light.

PANT

PANT

HE ALSO TOLD ME THAT HE KINDA LIKES HOW I'M SERIOUS ABOUT TEA.

I DIDN'T ASK FOR YOUR HELP...

WHY DOES HE HAVE TO TALK LIKE THAT?

I FEEL LIKE THOSE WORDS GIVE ME MOTIVATION FOR NOW.

WE'RE GONNA WEED THE FIELD TODAY?

...

I WAS GUESSING FROM THE STUFF IN THE BACK.

...GROSS.

THAT'S A TABOO WORD.

...

TMP TMP TMP

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I'M ALSO PREPARED FOR...

PULL

GRAB

SO THAT YOU CAN HAVE GOOD TEA.

I WANNA SUPPORT YOU.

...BUT I WANNA HELP YOU AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE...!

I...I MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO DO PHYSICAL WORK VERY WELL...

...HEY, IT'S DANGEROUS.

Ugh

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FWIP

OH!

THEN I'LL START TO GET RID OF VINES THERE.

SUCH A STUBBORN BEAR.

ﾚｰﾙ

OH!

GRAB

YOU IDIOT! DON'T GO IN THERE!

WHAT...? WHY... IS THERE A MOUNTAIN OF LEAVES OVER THERE...? ALSO, THE LEAVES ARE DAMAGED...?

...OUCH...

ISSHIN-SAN, PLEASE STOP...!

THEY'VE BEEN DAMAGED BY TEA TUSSOCK MOTHS...!!

THEY...!!

CHAKO?! I TOLD YOU NOT TO GO IN THERE SO MANY TIMES.

Flashback.

DAD! IT HURTS! IT HURTS!

SHUDDER

ぉぉぉ!!

IT MEANS THEY HAVEN'T DONE PEST CONTROL HERE...?!

IF I GO IN THERE AND TOUCH THEIR POISONED STING...

IT'S SO CONFUSING...!

AND HE DID THAT TO BE SAFE...?!

Left behind.

*Maybe I'm wrong about that.

THEN...

...ISSHIN-SAN ONLY DID THIS 'CAUSE HE WAS WORRIED...?!

...

IF YOU WANNA HELP ME, START FROM THE NORTH SIDE.

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WOOSH

BUT I WON'T SAY IT.

...YOU COULD SAY SO FROM THE BEGINNING.

...BUT I FIND MYSELF THINKING...

I ALWAYS THINK THAT IT'S GONNA BE A LOT EASIER IF HE JUST TALKS TO ME...

...IS KINDA CUTE.

...HIS AWKWARD-NESS...

...THIS IS NOT GOOD.

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DING DONG

YES. WE PLAN DIFFERENT TYPES OF WEDDINGS MAINLY AROUND THE KANTO AREA...

A WEDDING...

...IN A TEA FIELD...?!

I'M SURE THAT WILL MAKE NOT ONLY THE COUPLE BUT ALSO THEIR GUESTS HAPPY...

ALSO, THE RELAXING TEA AROMA.

THE BEAUTIFUL SCENERY OF A TIDY TEA FIELD.

GREEN WHICH REPRESENTS PEACE.

I'M NOT SURE IF I UNDERSTAND IT CORRECTLY... IS THIS LIKE A WEDDING PHOTO PLAN...?

YES! EXACTLY.

EXACTLY! YOU'RE AMAZING!

ALSO... IT COULD REVITALIZE THE TOWN...!

WHAT?! US?!

はのぎ SHINE

ALSO, YOU CAN SHOW PEOPLE HOW WONDERFUL HANANOKI-EN-SAMA IS!

The unique flavor of Sayama tea is amazing...

AND, THIS TEA IS DELICIOUS...

THAT'S TRUE...

Now that he said so...

YES, OF COURSE!

CAN YOU TELL THE DIFFERENCE ...?

IF YOU COULD...

...REPLANT YOUR TEA TREES TO LOOK LIKE A HEART...

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うん NOD

SO...I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST ONE THING...

...LEAVE.

OH...NO... THAT WOULD BE DIFFICULT...

WELL.

NO... I...

TEA TREES ARE SENSITIVE TO REPLANTING. YOU CAME HERE EVEN THOUGH YOU DON'T KNOW THAT?

ISSHIN-SAN?!

WAIT! LET ME EXPLAIN...

STOP HIM, BROTHER!

IT WAS A GOOD OPPORTU-NITY!!

WAIT! OH, NO...!

WOOSH

okay, I have to write stuff.

ISSHIN IS IN CHARGE OF EVERYTHING ABOUT THE TEA FARM.

LEAVE.

I WAS WONDERING WHAT HE WANTED TO TALK ABOUT...

...BUT IT WAS JUST A WASTE OF TIME.

SILENCE

...I'LL GO TO THE FIELD.

THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY. PEOPLE CAN TRY OUR TEA...

I'LL EXPLAIN ABOUT TEA TREES.

YOU REALLY WANNA MAKE MONEY WITH THAT KIND OF STUFF, HUH?

CAN I...

...GO...TALK TO THEM ONE MORE TIME...?

MONEY IS ALSO IMPORTANT!

BUT IT'S NOT JUST THAT...

THIS IS DELICIOUS.

OKAY.

IF YOU INSIST, YOU CAN TRY...

STOP!

It's gross.

That's a taboo word!!

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YAA-AAY!

HUG

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THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR...

...RECONSIDERING THE WEDDING PHOTO PLAN...!

BUT...

...WE ALREADY MADE A CONTRACT WITH YOUR NEIGHBOR, NEGISHI-EN-SAN...

SERIOUSLY...?! ALSO, WITH JIN'S TEA FARM...?!

I WONDER IF HE WAS OKAY WITH ANY TEA FARM...

THAT...THAT WAS QUICK, WASN'T IT?!

I MEAN, IT'S COMPLICATED...

WHAT?!

IS IT POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO MAKE A CONTRACT WITH US, TOO...?!

UMM...

WHAA-AAT?!

THEN, CAN I TALK TO NEGISHI-EN DIRECTLY?!

I DON'T THINK SO...

FOR EXAMPLE, MAYBE YOU COULD USE OUR BATH POWDER AS A SMALL GIFT...

WE CAN'T DO THAT...

WE HAVE A LONG RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM! PLEASE!! PLEASE!!

O...OKAY!

I'LL NEVER GIVE UP ...!!

BEEP

BEEP

BOOP

IF YOU INSIST, YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT...!!

I SEE...

Yes!

I MANAGED TO GET THE OPPORTUNITY...!

NOW I HAVE TO DO MY BEST...!!

...CHAKO. CAN I EDIT THESE SLIDES A LITTLE BIT?

WHAT? SURE.

I'LL REORGANIZE THEM AND REDUCE THE WORD COUNT.

YEAH. I PUT MY IDEAS IN HERE...IS YOUR DAD AROUND?

HE'S IN THE FACTORY NOW.

YOU MEAN YOU'RE LOOKING FOR THINGS YOU CAN DO AS HANANOKI-EN...

NEGISHI-EN

根岸園

SAYAMA TEA

狭山茶

OH...
THEN, I'LL DO THAT AT HOME.

I'LL PRINT IT OUT JUST IN CASE.

OH.
DON'T WORRY.
I CAN DO IT.
I'M GONNA SEND THIS TO MY PC.

MY DAD IS NOT GOOD AT TECH.
HE DOESN'T EVEN WANNA LOOK AT A PC.

SO,
YOU SHOULD INCLUDE SOME PICTURES TO MAKE IT EASY TO SEE.

I'LL
REMOVE ALL THE WRITTEN EXPLANATIONS WHERE THE FIGURES SHOW THE SAME THING...

カチ CLICK
カチ CLICK
カチ CLICK
カチ CLICK

OKAY, IT'S DONE!

NOW I'LL TALK TO HIM, SO YOU SHOULD GO HOME AND GET SOME REST.

...O...

...OKAY.

? WHAT'S UP?

...NO. I'M JUST IMPRESSED...

BUT WHY...?

I DON'T LIKE TO SEE YOU WITH BAGS UNDER YOUR EYES.

BEEP BEEP

OH.

SPEAK OF THE DEVIL.

THAT'S NOT MAKING ME FEEL ANY BETTER...!

oh, you care about that?

WELL, THEY'RE MUCH BETTER THAN ISSHIN'S, THOUGH.

B... BAGS?!

WHY...?

HE PROCESSES HIS TEA HERE 'CAUSE THE MACHINE AT YOUR FARM IS BROKEN.

...WHY IS ISSHIN-SAN HERE?

...SO THAT HE CAN CHECK THE TASTE HIMSELF.

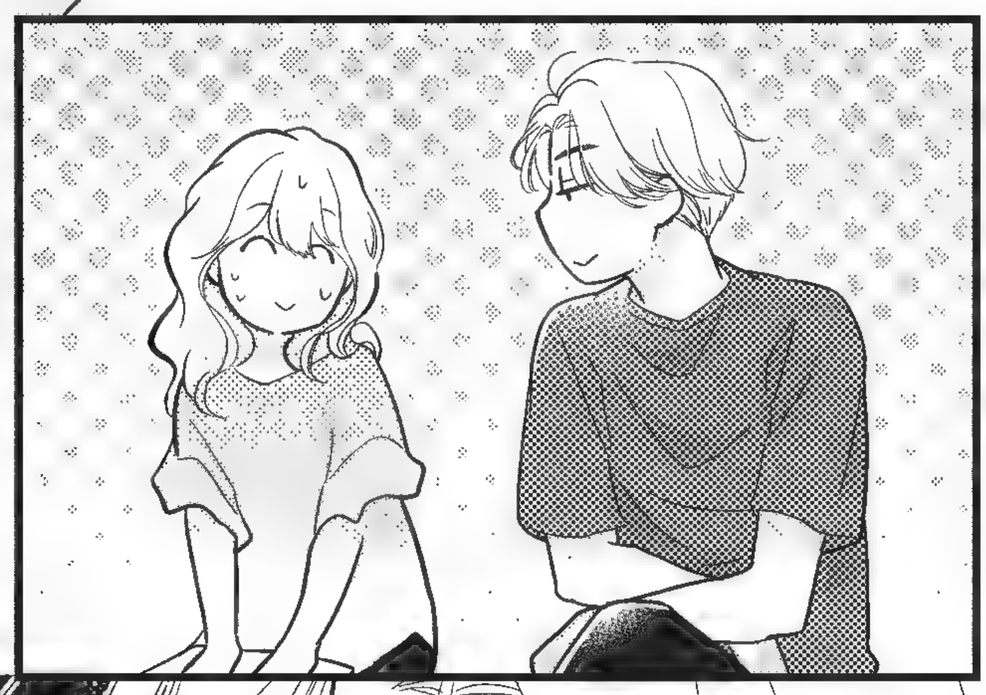
MY DAD LIKES TO HELP PEOPLE, SO HE LETS ISSHIN PROCESS THE TEA FROM HANANOKI-EN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE...

WHAT?! IT'S NOT JUST THAT HE SELLS TEA TO YOUR FARM?

NO!

I KNOW, I KNOW! IT'S JUST MY BRAIN WASN'T WORKING!

HEY, WHY DON'T YOU KNOW THAT?



...WHEN YOU'RE LYING.

YOU ALWAYS LOOK AWAY...

CHAKO.

GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR WORK!

OH, ISSHIN-SAAAN.♡

SHOVE

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SAYAMA TEA

WAVE

WAVE

ふぁさっ

ぱちっ

GLOOM

I understand why Marina makes a fuss about it.

...YOU GUYS REALLY DON'T LOOK LIKE A MARRIED COUPLE.

CHOP

...LOOK LIKE A MARRIED COUPLE.

BECAUSE IT'S FAKE.

F-A-K-E...!

CHOP

CHOP

WE SURE DON'T...

CHOP

I WISH ISSHIN-SAN COULD BE A LITTLE MORE COOPERATIVE...

Negishi-en

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PLEASE, GOD...!!

I LIKED IT. IT'S SO YOU!

OH, CHAKO-CHAN?

HELLO, NEGISHI-SAN?!

JIN JUST SHOWED ME THE MATERIAL.

I'M SORRY I COULDN'T CALL YOU SOONER.

WELL, IT'S NICE TO SEE YOUNG PEOPLE WORKING HARD!

THE VIEW FROM OUR TEA FIELD IS MADE UP OF MANY DIFFERENT FARMS.

I WAS THINKING OF ASKING OTHER TEA FARMERS TO JOIN US.

LET'S DO IT TOGETHER!

THEN...

WE DON'T WANT TO HOG ALL THE GOOD DEALS.

WHEEZE

WHEEZE

I DON'T CARE.

...CHAKO, CALM DOWN A LITTLE BIT.

You're a grown-up.

BROTHER! ISSHIN-SAN!

JIN HELPED US A LOT WITH THIS...

WE WILL BE IN CHARGE OF GIFTS FOR THE GUESTS!

...BUT WE CAN PUT OUR NAME, HANANOKI-EN...

WE COULDN'T MAKE THE PHOTO PLAN...

...ON THE PACKAGE OF THE TEA YOU MAKE...

THAT'S IT?

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT, TOO...

APPARENTLY, THEY WILL MAKE A HEART WITH BALLOONS.

...REPLANT TEA TREES TO LOOK LIKE A HEART...?

ARE THEY STILL GONNA...

OH...? WELL... HE DOESN'T LOOK HAPPY AT ALL...

A GIFT FOR THE GUESTS WASN'T ENOUGH OR SOMETHING...?

...

WHY IS HE SO DISSATIS-FIED...?!

BUT WE CAN GET CLOSER TO THAT GOAL...

THIS DOESN'T MEAN WE CAN OPEN OUR STORE AGAIN.

...NO, IT'S NOTHING.

HE'S SO COLD...

WHAT...?!

SST

...OKAY. I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU.

TO FORGET THIS WORRY...

WELL... BUT THIS IS SOMETHING I DECIDED TO DO.

IS IT GONNA BE OKAY...? I'M SO WORRIED.

GLARE

単細胞。

SIMPLE-MINDED.

...I HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING I CAN DO...!!

Samples

COLOR

Reception

TMP

BEEP

HEEEY...

CHAKO!

ISSHIN, LOOK!

SHUT

...

...CHAKO'S BEEN BUSY LATELY. SHE DOESN'T PLAY WITH ME...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY. HE'S NOT GONNA EAT HER OR ANYTHING.

...

...

WHINE

SHE PROMISED ME TO PLAY WITH WATER GUNS...

WHINE

SHE ALSO SAID WE COULD PLAY MADAMS ON THE BEACH...

FUTABA.

I'VE GOT A GOOD IDEA.

YOU CAN JUST ASK ISSHIN TO GIVE YOU A RIDE.

NO, NO.

MY FEET ARE KILLING ME 'CAUSE I'VE BEEN WALKING IN HEELS FOR DAYS.

WOW. YOU REALLY SAVED ME.

...

HAAH はあ…

FIRST OF ALL, THERE'S NO POINT IF I BOTHER HIM.

BUT YOU'RE DOING IT FOR ISSHIN, RIGHT?

...YEAH.

ALSO, I DECIDED TO DO THIS IN THE FIRST PLACE...

...SO I HAVE TO DEAL WITH IT.

YOU STILL HAVE BAGS UNDER YOUR EYES, SO I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE TRYING TO DO EVERYTHING BY YOURSELF.

what?

BUT CHAKO...

HAHAHA-HAHA.

NO! I'M DOING THIS FOR HANANOKI-EN...!

YOU SHOULD SIT AND TALK ABOUT A LOT OF THINGS WITH HIM...

...BEFORE YOU END UP LIKE MY MOM.

IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU CAN'T TALK TO HIM ABOUT...

CREAK

IT DEFEATS THE PURPOSE OF TRYING HARD IF YOU GET SICK.

I'LL LISTEN.

YOU CAN COUNT ON ME.

...NO.
IT DIDN'T.

OR
YOU FELL
FOR ME?

NO.

...

...YOUR HEART
JUST SKIPPED A
BEAT, RIGHT?

I
UNDER-
STAND
WHAT
JIN WAS
TRYING
TO SAY.

BUT
THAT ONLY
APPLIES
TO A REAL
COUPLE.

I CAN'T
ASK HIM
ABOUT
THINGS
I SHOULD.

THE
HARDER
I TRY...

...THE MORE
OBVIOUS IT
GETS THAT
WE'RE FAKE.

TMP

I'M KINDA SCARED...

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がんばってね

CHAKO. YOU CAN DO IT.

FUTABA-CHAN...?

IS MINE GOOD? IS IT DELICIOUS?

...COME TO THINK OF IT...

...WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME I HAD A GOOD CONVERSATION WITH FUTABA-CHAN...?

CHAKO, YOU WANT MORE?

よのみ SHINE

HEY... WHY WERE YOU IN THE HALLWAY...?

BUT...

I'VE BEEN GIVING HER RIDES.

ALSO, I'VE BEEN EATING WITH HER.

I...

...WILL BE PATIENT WHEN YOU'RE BUSY!

HEY, FUTABA.

WHAT...?

...? BUT YOU'RE DOING YOUR WORK, RIGHT?

ISSHIN TOLD ME.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUT UP WITH IT!

SOMETHING TO SUPPORT HER?

CHAKO IS WORKING HARD FOR US NOW.

SO, LET'S FIND SOMETHING WE CAN DO TO SUPPORT HER.

HAVE YOU SEEN IT? IT WAS LIKE ME, DAD, ISSHIN, AND YOU, RIGHT?!

HERE YOU ARE, CHAKO!

LOOK, I FOUND IT.

THIS IS A LUCKY CHARM FOR US TO DO OUR BEST!

I'M SORRY...!

I'M SORRY, FUTABA-CHAN.

I'M SORRY!

?

I'M SO SORRY...!!

THIS IS THE GIFT FOR THE GUESTS FROM HANANOKI-EN, *HAPPY TEA!*

IT'S READY!

NEGISHI
根岸

↑Jin's brother.

IT HAS TEA BAGS OF DEEP STEAMED GREEN TEA AND WAKOCHA. IT ALSO HAS MATCHA AND HOJICHA* CHOCOLATE. I CHOSE THEM SO THAT PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE A TEAPOT CAN ALSO ENJOY.

*ROASTED JAPANESE GREEN TEA.

...WITH THE WISH TO BE HAPPY TOGETHER FOR THE WHOLE YEAR...

THE BOXES ARE GREEN LIKE THE TEA FIELD, AND EACH FLOWER PATTERN REPRESENTS SPRING, SUMMER, FALL, AND WINTER...

I WANTED TO MAKE SOMETHING...

...TO CHERISH...

...AND CELEBRATE...

I FEEL LIKE FINDING A FOUR-LEAF CLOVER IS A MIRACLE...

...A FATEFUL ENCOUNTER LIKE THAT...

...AND TO WISH FOR A HAPPILY EVER AFTER.

YAAAY!!

IT'S AMAZING!!

...IT'S...

IF HE DOESN'T LIKE IT, HE COULD TELL ME THAT...!!

WHAT'S THAT ATTITUDE...! ONLY "OKAY"...?!

WHAT DID ISSHIN-KUN SAY?

HE JUST SAID "OKAY."

THAT'S SO HIM.

OH, YOU'RE NOT DOING IT ON PURPOSE?

WELL... DIDN'T YOU NOTICE? IT WAS REALLY OBVIOUS. THAT'S...

HUH? NO. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.

And I wasn't trying to make him jealous.

YOU KEEP SAYING IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF JIN'S HELP, AND THAT MADE HIM JEALOUS.

?

NO.

...THE FACE HE MAKES WHEN HE'S JEALOUS OF JIN.

THAT CAN'T BE TRUE...!

OH, MY GOSH!

BAM

CHAKO! ARE YOU HERE?!

WE COULD MAKE THIS TEA BECAUSE OF YOU, FUTABA-CHAN.

YES.

THESE ARE ALL YOUR PRODUCTS?

WOOOW.

NO?

HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEWS?!

JIN, WHAT HAPPENED?

NEWS-1

Major wedding planning company gone bankrupt. Repeated fraudulent accounting suspected.

WHAT ABOUT IT? YOU LOOK PALE...

...THIS MEANS...

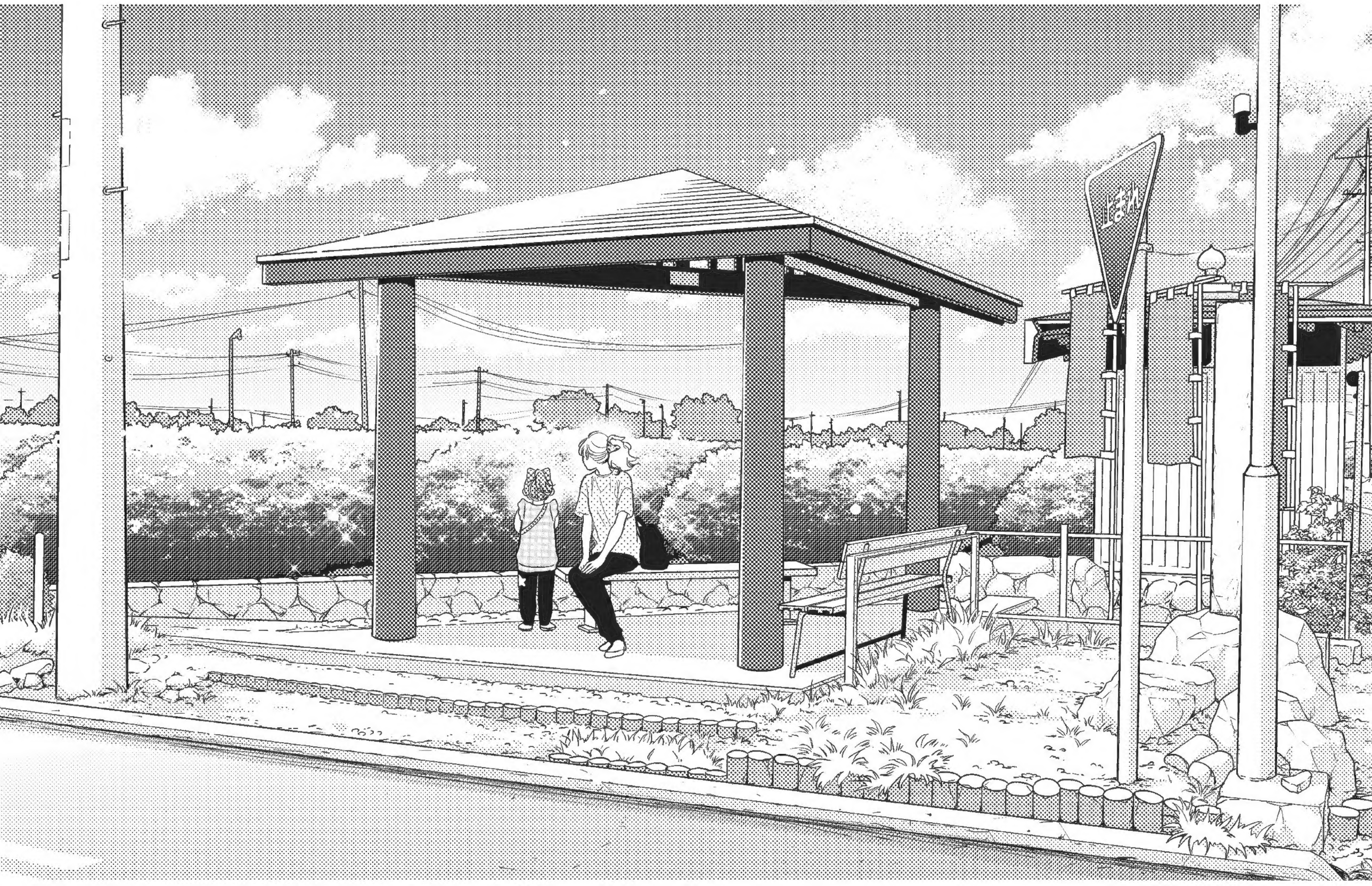
TO BE CONTINUED IN VOL. 3

ARE YOU KIDDING ME...?

NO, THEY NEVER ANSWER MY CALLS.

NO...

THEN...



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